

**DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.**  
**FIRST FLOOR – ROOMS H & I AUDITORIUM**  
**DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dodge County Executive Committee Chairman, Russell Kottke.

Members present: Frohling, Hilbert, Kottke, Marsik, Schaefer, J. Schmitt, and Sheahan-Malloy.

Member(s) absent: None.

Others present: Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke; Deputy County Clerk Christine M. Kjornes; Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass; Dodge County Clerk Karen Gibson; Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls; Human Services and Health Director Becky Bell; Clearview Executive Director Ed Somers; Land Resources and Parks Director Bill Ehlenbeck; Land Conservationist John Bohonek; Land Information Officer David Addison; Planning and Economic Development Administrator Nate Olson; Dodge County Treasurer Patti Hilker; Child Support Director Terra Mattheis (by phone); Gold Star Trail Representative Andrew Johnson; State Representative Mark Born of the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District; State Senator Joan Ballweg of the 14<sup>th</sup> Senate District; Watertown Daily Times Reporter Ed Zagorski; and Daily Citizen Reporter Ken Thomas.

There was no Non-Committee Member County Board Supervisor requesting payment for attending the meeting.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Marsik, seconded by Schaefer to approve the March 1, 2021, March 12, 2021, and the March 17, 2021 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

There were no Resolutions from other Counties.

Dodge County Clerk Karen Gibson reported that the document entitled *Proposed agenda items for April 20, 2021 CB Meeting*, was included in the packet materials.

Ms. Gibson reported that she provided the *Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors* to the Committee members, and she asked the Committee to start documenting any changes, corrections or additions to the rules they may have. Ms. Gibson reported that the County Board Rules will be reviewed by the Executive Committee in early 2022.

Ms. Gibson provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Conference to be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on September 26-28, 2021. Ms. Gibson asked that Committee members let her know, by no later than April 30, 2021, if they will not be attending the conference.

County Administrator Jim Mielke provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the 2021 Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal. Mr. Mielke reported that a memo was included in the packet materials, and a final recommendation will be presented to the Executive Committee at the June 2021 meeting.

Mr. Mielke provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the Dodge County Housing Study conducted by UW Whitewater. Mr. Mielke reported that a draft report is scheduled to be provided to

## **DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

APRIL 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.

FIRST FLOOR – ROOMS H & I AUDITORIUM

DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

Page 2 of 4

Dodge County by April 15, 2021, and the Housing Study Report is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the County Board at the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Mielke reported that the packet included a document entitled *Local Fiscal Recovery Fund* – Counties, and official guidelines have not been provided by the US Treasury on how the American Rescue Plan Act allocation can be used.

Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the DOSO4 Encrypted Channel Simulcast Project. Ms. Nehls reported that Emergency Management is working with Baycom on the DOSO4 Simulcast Project which was approved for 2021 in the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan. Once Emergency Management and Corporation Counsel are comfortable with the project scope and information from Baycom, it will be presented in a Resolution anticipated in May of 2021.

Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass reported on the status of contracts completed by the Corporation Counsel office.

The Committee began discussing County Board Rule 3 of the *Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors*. Chairman Kottke commented that County Board Rule 3 was included in the packet materials. Ms. Nass reported that a draft Resolution Terminating the Dodge County Emergency Declaration (Public Health – COVID-19) was included in the packet materials, and the lines 5 through 7 on the second page of the draft Resolution recommends removing all references to County Board Rule 3. Ms. Nass further reported that Resolution 20-77 was referred back to the Executive Committee, therefore, the Executive Committee can make changes. The Committee further discussed whether there is a need to continue to accommodate those who wish not to appear in person at County Board meetings. Supervisor Frohling commented that changing County Board Rule 3 is separate from eliminating the emergency declaration. Chairman Kottke declared that the discussion on County Board Rule 3, and the Termination of the Emergency Declaration will resume after the discussion with the state representatives.

State Representative Mark Born of the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, and State Senator Joan Ballweg of the 14<sup>th</sup> Senate District appeared in person before the Committee. The following individuals addressed their comments, questions, and concerns to the Representatives:

- Chair Kottke – Inquired about the loss of federal funds due to the rescinding of the state Emergency Declaration. Representative Born commented that Food Share money is tied to federal funds.
- County Clerk Karen Gibson addressed her concerns with the marriage license bill that allows applicants to apply in any county, and no requirement to provide a certified copy of a birth certificate. Ms. Gibson further addressed her concerns with potential election law changes.
- Clearview Executive Director Ed Somers made a comment that he supports the proposed Medicaid rate increase, and the direct care workforce fund support.
- Land Resources and Parks Director Bill Ehlenbeck made a comment that he supports the proposed ten year renewal of the Stewardship Program. Mr. Ehlenbeck further commented that the stewardship program assists in maintaining the park system.

## **DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

APRIL 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.

FIRST FLOOR – ROOMS H & I AUDITORIUM

DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

Page 3 of 4

- Land Conservationist John Bohonek commented that WI State Statute 92.14(6)(b) provides a goal for the state to fund an average of the first employee at 100%, the second employee at 70% and the third employee at 50%. For 2021 the department will receive only 70%, and he supports the proposed budget of adding funding to meet the statute. Mr. Bohonek continued with an overview of the Land and Water Conservation department duties.
- Planning and Economic Development Administrator Nate Olson commented that access to high speed internet is an issue in Dodge County.
- Dodge County Treasurer Patti Hilker made comments regarding the proposed elimination of personal property taxes, and the proposed property tax rebate to property owners.
- Supervisor J. Schmitt voiced his concerns with the lack of water rescue funding, the escalating costs for volunteer fire departments, regulations for private drainage districts, and he encouraged funding for transportation and highway infrastructures.
- Supervisor Frohling commented regarding sealants that contain coal tar, and an increase in competitive bid threshold. Senator Ballweg commented that there is a specific bill on coal tar.

Representative Born and Senator Ballweg had no direction on what Governor Evers intentions are for the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Ms. Nass provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the County Board Strategic Plan Resolution. Ms. Nass reported that the draft Resolution authorizing the Engagement of Blue Rock WI for County Board Strategic Planning was emailed to Committee members on March 30, 2021. Ms. Nass further reported that the Executive Committee opened three (3) proposals on March 12, 2021, and interviewed two (2) companies on March 17, 2021. Motion by Sheahan-Malloy, seconded by Frohling to approve the Resolution authorizing the Engagement of Blue Rock WI for County Board Strategic Planning, and to forward the Resolution to the County Board for consideration at the April 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Ms. Nass provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the status of recording/livestreaming the County Board Meetings. Ms. Nass provided a handout to the Committee entitled *Draft Discussion – Executive Committee – 4/5/2021, County Board Meetings, Livestream Standards*. Ms. Nass reported that no action is needed at this time. Ms. Nass reviewed the handout.

Mr. Mielke provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Mr. Mielke reported that the proposed allocation for Dodge County is \$17,035,833, and no guidance has been received from the US Treasury on allocation criteria. Mr. Mielke further reported that a draft American Rescue Plan of 2021 Certification was included in the packet materials. Mr. Mielke commented that a plan should be developed before the money is spent. Following Committee discussion, a motion was made by Schaefer, seconded by Marsik to approve the Resolution with the corrected amount, to certify Dodge County's desire to receive the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Motion carried.

There were no Committee Member Reports on Wisconsin Counties Association meetings.

The Committee continued the discussion on County Board Rule 3, and Termination of the Emergency Declaration. Ms. Nass commented that County Board Rule 3 and the Termination of the Emergency

**DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

APRIL 5, 2021 10:00 A.M.

FIRST FLOOR – ROOMS H & I AUDITORIUM

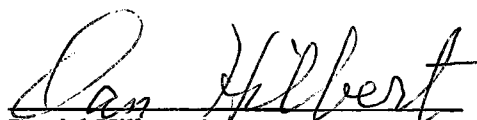
DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

Page 4 of 4

Declaration can be separated. Ms. Nehls reported that the state sponsored community testing site, located in the City of Beaver Dam, will conclude at the end of May of 2021. She also noted that jury trial selections will resume at the courthouse as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Marsik, seconded by Frohling to separate County Board Rule 3 from the Termination of Emergency Declaration as reflected on the draft Resolution and send the Termination of Emergency Declaration to the County Board. Ms. Nass commented that, if approved by the Board, the resolution will Terminate the Emergency Declaration, and will be a stand alone Resolution replacing Resolution 20-77. Motion carried. Motion by Frohling, seconded by Hilbert to leave the discussion regarding County Board Rule 3 until the Executive Committee reviews the *Rules of Order Governing the County Board of Supervisors* in advance of the April 2022 session. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on May 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium, located on the First Floor, of the Administration Building.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m. by the order of the Chairman.



Daniel Hilbert, Secretary

**Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.**